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The Honorable Arthur S. Flemming
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flemming:

You may recall that on November 16, 1954, Mr. Dulles addressed a letter to you requesting an exception to the dispersion standards in selecting a site for the proposed Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building. Our request for this exception was based, in large part, upon the necessity for direct access to the President, the National Security Council, and the other Federal Agencies of the Intelligence Community. After a discussion at a Cabinet meeting, your concurrence in this exception was indicated in your letter of December 31, 1954, to Mr. Dulles.

Recently we received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia, and we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of that site.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and if there are any problems or questions you would like to raise at any time, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

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